

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate limitations recited in claim 2. Claim 2 is canceled.

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Regarding Claim Objections

Claim 2 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

10 As stated above, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations recited in claim 2. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing the subject matter.

Regarding 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

15 Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Examiner states that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitations in claim 3 and that the phrases are defined in claim 2.

In reply, since claim 3 depends from claim 1 and claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2. With this amendment, Applicant submits that the 35 U.S.C. §
20 112 rejection of claim 3 is rendered moot.

Regarding 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 1 and 3-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over Smith (US 7096416) in view of Weber (US 5564005).

In reply, it is noted that previously presented claim 2, which depended from independent claim 1, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation recited in previously presented claim 2. Accordingly, Applicant
5 submits that independent claim 1 should be allowed. Claims 3-12 depend from claim 1, so the above arguments in connection with claim 1 are also responsive to the rejections of claims 3-12. Accordingly, Applicant holds that claims 1 and 3-12 should now be allowed.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant hereby submits a bona fide attempt to address the objections and rejections in the Office Action and argues why the present claims are different from the art of record.

5 The Examiner is sincerely invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-424-0100 for clarification or any suggested actions such as an Examiner's Amendment to accelerate prosecution and forward the present application to allowance. Allowance of the claims now in the application is kindly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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